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TERRITORIAL-ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION IN 4 SOVIET REPUBLICS

Between November 1951 April 1952 the territorial-administrative organization of several USSR union republics underwent further centralization. The establishment of oblasts in the Georgian SSR in November 1951 was followed (see below) by the formation of okrugs in the Armenian SSR and Moldavian SSR in January 1952, and by the creation of oblasts in the Azerbaydzhan SSR and Latvian SSR in April 1952. There now remain only two union republics, the Estonian and the Karelo-Finnish, which consist basically of rural rayons under republic subordination.

ARMENIAN SSR -- Moscow, Vedomosti Verkhovnogo Soveta SSSR, 8 Feb 52

By a 17 January 1952 ukase, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Armenian SSR, established the following okrugs:

Yerevan Okrug -- with its center in the city of Yerevan, which remains under direct subordination to republic organs. Included in Yerevan Okrug are the following rayons: Azizbekovskiy, Artashatskiy, Akhtinskiy, Ashtarakskiy, Beriyeyskiy, Vedinskiy, Gorisskiy, Zangibasskiy, Kafanskiy, Kctaykskiy, Megrinskiy, Oktemberyanskiy, Sisianskiy, and Echmiadzinskiy.

Kirovakan Okrug -- with its center in the city of Kirovakan. Included in Kirovakan Okrug are the following rayons: Alavardskiy, Basargecharskiy, Idzhevanskiy, Kalininskiy, Kirovakanskiy, Krasnosel'skiy, Martuninskiy, Noyemberyanskiy, Nor Bayazetskiy, Sevanskiy, Stepanavanskiy, and Shamshadinskiy.

Leninakan Okrug -- with its center in the city of Leninakan, which remains a city of republic subordination. Included in Leninakan Okrug are the following rayons: Aginskiy, Aparanskiy, Artikskiy, Akhuryanskiy, Gukasyanskiy, Spitakskiy, and Talinskiy.

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MOLDAVIAN SSR -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 1 Feb 52

- By a 31 January 1952 ukase, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Moldavian SSR, decreed the formation of the following okrugs:

Bel'tsy Okrug -- with its center in the city of Bel'tsy. Bel'tsy Okrug includes the cities of Bel'tsy and Soroki, both of which remain under republic subordination, and the following rayons: Atakskiy, Bel'tskiy, Bolotinskiy, Bratushanskiy, Brichanskiy, Vertyuzhanskiy, Glodyanskiy, Drokiyevskiy, Yedinet'skiy, Zguritskiy, Kamenskiy, Kishkarenskiy, Kotyuzhanskiy, Lipkanskiy, Oknitskiy, Ryshkanskiy, Skulyanskiy, Sorokskiy, Synzhereyskiy, Tyrnovskiy, Faleshtskiy, and Floreshtskiy.

Kagul Okrug -- with its center in the city of Kagul, which remains under republic subordination. Kagul Okrug includes the following rayons: Baymakliyskiy, Bulkaneshtskiy, Kagul'skiy, Kangazskiy, Komratskiy, Leovskiy, Romanovskiy, Tarakliyskiy, Chadyr-Lungskiy, and Chimishliyskiy.

Kishinov Okrug -- with its center in the city of Kishinev. Kishinev Okrug includes the cities of Kishinev and Orgeyev, both of which remain under republic subordination, and the following rayons: Bravichskiy, Vadu-luy-Vodskiy, Kalarashskiy, Karpinskii, Kiperchenskiy, Kishinevskiy, Korneshtskiy, Kotovskiy, Kriulyanskiy, Nisporenskiy, Orgeyevskiy, Raspopenskiy, Rezinskii, Rybnitskiy, Strashenskii, Suslenskii, Teleneshtskiy, and Ungenskii.

Tiraspol' Okrug -- with its center in the city of Tiraspol'. Tiraspol' Okrug includes the cities of Tiraspol' and Bendery, both of which remain under republic subordination, and the following rayons: Benderskiy, Bul'bokskiy, Volontirovskiy, Grigoriopol'skiy, Dubcassarskiy, Kaynarskiy, Kaushanskiy, Olo-neshtskiy, Slobodozey'skiy, and Tiraspol'skiy.

AZERBAIDZHAN SSR -- Moscow, Vedomosti Verkhovnogo Soveta SSSR, 9 Apr 52

By a 3 April 1952 ukase, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, confirmed the proposal of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Azerbaydzhan SSR, to set up the following oblasts in the Azerbaydzhan SSR:

Baku Oblast -- with its center in the city of Baku. Baku Oblast includes the city of Baku, which remains under republic subordination, the city of Sum-gait, and the following rayons: Ali-Bayramlinskiy, Astarinskiy, Astrakhan-Bazarskiy, Akhsuinskiy, Dzhebrail'skiy, Divichinskiy, Zhdanovskiy, Zangelanskiy, Imishlinskiy, Ismaillinskiy, Kazi-Magomedskiy, Karyaginskiy, Konakhkend'skiy, Rubatlinskiy, Kubinskiy, Kusarskiy, Kyurdamirskiy, Lachinskiy, Lenkoranskiy, Lerikskiy, Marazinskiy, Masallinskiy, Neftchalinskiy, Pushkinskiy, Saatlinskiy, Sabirabadskiy, Sal'yanskiy, Siazanakiy, Khachmasskiy, Khizinskiy, Khillinskiy, Khudatskiy, Shemakhinskiy, and Yardymlinskiy.

Gyandzha Oblast -- with its center in the city of Kirovabad. Gyandzha Oblast includes the following rayons: Agdamskiy, Agdashskiy, Agdzhabedinskiy, Akstafinskiy, Bardinskiy, Belokanskiy, Vartashenskiy, Geokchayskiy, Dastafyur-skiy, Yevlakhskiy, Zakatal'skiy, Zardobskiy, Kazakhskiy, Kasum-Ismaillovskiy, Kakhskiy, Kedabekskiy, Kel'badzharskiy, Kutkashenskiy, Mir-Bashirskiy, Mukhin-skiy, Samukhskiy, Safaraliyevskiy, Tauzskiy, Udzharskiy, Khaldanskiy, Khanlar-skiy, Shamkhorskiy, and Shamyaynovskiy.

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LATVIAN SSR -- Moscow, Vedomosti Verkhovnogo Soveta SSSR, 24 Apr 52

By an 8 April 1952 ukase, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, confirmed the proposal of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Latvian SSR, to establish the following oblasts in the Latvian SSR:

Riga Oblast -- with its center in the city of Riga. Riga Oblast includes the city of Riga, which remains under republic subordination, the city of Yelgava, and the following rayons: Aloysskiy, Aluksnenskiy, Apskiy, Baldonskiy, Bauskiy, Valkskiy, Valmieraskiy, Gauyenskiy, Gulbenskiy, Yelgavskiy, Limbaskiy, Madonskiy, Ogrskiy, Plyavin'skiy, Rihzskiy, Ruiyenskiy, Saulkrastskiy, Siguldskiy, Smiltenskiy, Tsesvaynskiy, Tsesisskiy, Eleyskiy, Egl'skiy, and Jaunelgavskiy.

Daugavpils Oblast -- with its center in the city of Daugavpils. Daugavpils Oblast includes the following rayons: Abrenskiy, Akni'skiy, Balvskiy, Varaklyanskiy, Vilyanskiy, Grivskiy, Dagdskiy, Daugavpilskiy, Yekabpilskiy, Zilupskiy, Ilukstskiy, Karsavskiy, Kraslavskiy, Krustpilskiy, Livanskiy, Ludzenskiy, Maltskiy, Neretskiy, Preyl'skiy, and Rezeknenskiy.

Liyepaya Oblast -- with its center in the city of Liyepaya. Liyepaya Oblast includes the following rayons: Ayzputskiy, Alsungskiy, Autsskiy, Ventspilskiy, Dobel'skiy, Dundagskiy, Kandavskiy, Kuldigskiy, Liyepayskiy, Priekule'skiy, Saldusskiy, Skrundskiy, Talsinskiy, and Tukumskiy.

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